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PITCHER'S HOTEL DAMAGED BY FIRE

Smoke Discovered Pouring from Basement at One O'clock This Morning.

FLAMES GUT THE BUILDING

Guests Escape from Second Floor—Mother of Proprietor Carried Out, Her Clothes Burned.

A fire which is supposed to have started from an overheated stove was discovered a few minutes before 1 o'clock Monday morning in the basement of Pitcher's Hotel at the corner of Main and Church streets, and the local fire department had a hard night before the flames were put under control. For a time the lively stable of O. C. Stacy & Co., separated from the hotel by a six-foot alley, was in danger, when the fire broke out of the windows at the rear of the burning building.

The bitter cold hampered the work of the firemen at the start. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pitcher were in the Cometa lunch room on the street floor of the hotel when Mrs. Pitcher detected the odor of fire and on investigation smoke was found pouring from the basement windows outside. An alarm was rung in from box 43, and the automobile truck and ladders from station one were on the scene in a few minutes. Two guests were in the second-story rooms of the hotel, but hurried out.

The fire spread through the building before its progress was stopped. The property is owned by S. J. Ploof, who bought it from the C. N. Mead estate a few years ago for about \$15,000. Mr. Pitcher stated that his loss on furniture was fairly well covered by insurance. The basement of the building was occupied by a poolroom and arcade, and on account of the extreme cold weather the stove there had been kept going hard all day.

Mrs. Josephine E. Pitcher, mother of the proprietor of the restaurant, was asleep in her room on the second floor. She was aroused and carried out, but her clothes in the room were burned.

The entire building was heated by stoves, there being 15 of them.

FIRE LOSS \$15,000.

Property at Corner of Church and Main Sts. Well Covered by Insurance.

An examination Monday of the building at the southwest corner of Church and Main streets, where a fire broke out shortly before one o'clock that morning showed the interior to be pretty thoroughly gutted, but the walls are not damaged so far as could be ascertained. The fire was under control about two o'clock but was watched until daylight. J. M. Lamora & Son's barber shop on the second floor was drenched with water but the fixtures were not damaged with the possible exception of a large mirror. The Lamoras had no insurance. The store on Main street west of the restaurant was temporarily occupied by M. C. Powers, who was conducting a manufacturer's sale of shirts. The stock was moved out before the water reached it.

The building was erected by the Baptist Church society and was dedicated as a church about 1885. The society remained there until about 1900, when the building passed to the late G. H. Hicok and was for several years the home of the Burlington Times. The late C. N. Mead was the next owner and he added the mansard roof. Two years ago it was sold for \$18,000 to S. J. Ploof, who said Monday that he would begin the work of repairing it as soon as the insurance is settled.

The insurance on the building amounts to \$25,000, of which Powell & Marks have \$5,000 and T. S. Peck \$20,000. It is estimated that the building is damaged to the extent of about 75 per cent. of the total insurance.

H. L. Pitcher, the lessee, has insurance amounting to \$5,000, of which H. H. Hickok carries \$1,000, T. S. Peck \$2,000 and Powell & Marks \$2,000. Mr. Pitcher's loss is estimated at about 65 per cent. of the insurance on the contents. Mr. Pitcher's plans for the future are uncertain. He and his wife and mother are at the Sherwood House. The latter lost all her clothing. J. D. Nash, a roomer, lost all his personal property.

The total loss may reach \$15,000. The indicator in fire station one showed box 13 when the alarm sounded and the automobile truck went up the hill and

A FAIRY TALE.

Normandin Family Will Get No Money from Estate of Paris Woman.

The romantic story of Mme. Maria Huet-Normandin, supposed to have died recently in Paris, leaving a vast fortune in real estate to many unknown heirs in this country, has been declared a fairy tale. A firm of Burlington attorneys who had many inquiries from clients concerning this story looked into the matter carefully, and the complete story was published some months ago in the Free Press. The Burlington lawyers, after investigating the alleged facts, concluded that there was little foundation for the tale.

The Hon. Frank H. Mason, American consul-general at Paris, has recently investigated the matter somewhat, according to the Plattsburgh Press, and has found the story to be a hoax. The tale, as related and believed by many members of the Normandin family in this country, was to the effect that one Maria Normandin, a beautiful French girl, married an English army officer named Huet many years ago in Canada and that this Huet afterward became wealthy and died, leaving Mme. Normandin very rich. Later, Mme. Normandin herself is said to have died without leaving any children and her vast fortune was supposed to be in Paris, awaiting the heirs. The Plattsburgh Press of yesterday has the following story:

"For some time past a story has been going the rounds of the American newspapers to the effect that a large estate left by one Mme. Maria Huet-Normandin was being held in trust by the French government for the heirs who resided in America. This story has stirred up a large number of Americans who could

trace their lineage to the Normandins of France, and who therefore naturally believed they had an interest in the alleged estate. Several of these people reside in Clinton county, where the name of Normandin is not unfamiliar. At the request of one of these parties a resident of Monrovia wrote to the Hon. Frank H. Mason, American consul-general at Paris, asking him to investigate the matter and inform her as to the result of his investigation. Recently the following letter was received from Consul-General Mason which shows the story to be a hoax, and absolutely without foundation in fact:

"In reply to your letter making inquiry concerning the alleged estate left by one Mme. Maria Huet-Normandin (ditte Beauclerc), I have to say that your client has apparently been reading the fairy story that went the rounds of the American newspapers and which has stirred up a vast number of credulous people who imagine that they are possibly heirs to such an estate.

"We have had several inquiries about it, and some weeks ago I asked a clever lawyer here who has every facility for finding such an estate if it existed, and after a careful search he reported that there was nothing in the story, no such estate nor any trace of Madame Huet could be found. The fact that the French newspapers did not mention this great fortune looking for heirs is sufficient proof that it was more or less imaginary.

"If your client is not satisfied with this report I advise you to write to Messrs. Valois & Loeb, attorneys, No. 34 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris, who have examined the case, and they will give you for a reasonable fee a categorical and thoroughly trustworthy report."

MAY NUMBER 250.

University Authorities Hope for Steady Growth in Entering Class.

The applications for catalogues of the University of Vermont include many inquiries regarding entrance to the college of medicine, and it is considered encouraging that this should be the case in view of the increase in the entrance requirements. Experience has shown that a marked rise in the standard of entrance requirements is likely to be followed by a considerable decrease in the number of new students entering the year when the change is made, this falling off sometimes amounting to as much as 50 per cent.

As yet it is too early to form an estimate of the probable size of the entering class next year. A substantial gain over the numbers of the freshman class this year is looked for in the case of the class entering next fall, and the college authorities are working earnestly toward this end. Yet they feel that a normal, steady growth is preferable to a sudden increase in mere numbers, and they believe that if the incoming class next September shows a proportion of increase over the class of 1910 equal to the gain made by the class of 1910 over that of 1909, in point of numerical strength, the gain will be satisfactory.

If there is a corresponding increase in the entering class next fall, it should number about 150 for the entire university, and about 215 for the university exclusive of the college of medicine.

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY VERMONT TRADE REPORT.

Reports to Bradstreet's for the week indicate manufacturing interests are generally fairly well employed for the period. In the granite line some new business has been received and specifications for estimates, for future delivery, are larger. Work in the sheds was held up on two days, the past week, because of intense cold. Situating marble and slate industries is not changed. Among the knit goods lines new business is coming in slowly but an improvement is noted. Machine manufacturing plants have a fair amount of business but could do more. Demand for turned wood novelties and mailing boxes is fairly good as usual; plants are operated to capacity. The lumberman has been able to make better progress in the woods as the fall of snow has aided in that work. More trade from the rural sections has been noticed in larger places. Building operations in the state are more or less limited at this period by reason of the season and it is early yet to make any prediction along that line. Reports to Bradstreet's from 120 cities in the United States gives total expenditures on building permits for \$11,424,088,000, a decrease of 26 1/2 per cent. of year preceding and 1.5 per cent. for 1909. Wholesale trade in this state reports usual volume of trade for the period. With some lines collections are said better while among others slowness still prevails.

Burlington manufacturers report but little change in the general trade conditions. Retail trade keeps up to about usual volume for period of year. More rural trade is reported. Rutland manufacturers report usual volume of trade for the period of the year. Demands among wholesale trade said fairly good with collections from fair to slow. Reports from St. Albans note no change in either manufacturing or retail business. Cold weather caused a falling off in retail trade on two days but the sales on other days of the week were about normal. At St. Johnsbury is reported much employment. Reports from retail merchants indicate stocks comparatively low and buying for future conservative. Montpelier granite manufacturing plants were idle two days the past week on account of cold weather. Labor in that line is not employed to capacity. Retail merchants report an improvement in buying of heavier goods over what was done in December. At Barre some of the granite manufacturers report considerable new business ahead, while others are still short of enough business to keep plants working full time. Two small granite firms have discontinued business. Bellows Falls reports manufacturing plants reasonably well employed and trade in seasonable goods brisk. At Bennington an increase in the number of employed is reported and outlook in the manufacturing line is better. Brattleboro reports general trade conditions good for the period of the year and manufacturing plants employed full time. Lyndonville reports labor is well employed and retail business good for the season of the year.

U. S. CORPORATION TAX.

Only One Month More Allowed for Returning Blanks to Collector.

Last year several thousand corporations neglected to report to the collector of internal revenue before March 1, and though the tax is not then payable the reports must be mailed early enough to reach Portsmouth, N. H., on or before the first day of March. For failure to comply with this provision of the law the tax is increased 50 per cent. and added penalty of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 is incurred.

Six republican governors are now publicly supporting the move to nominate ex-President Roosevelt.

FARLEY HONORED BY NON-CATHOLICS

All Walks of Life and Varying Religious Beliefs Represented at Dinner.

New York, Jan. 30.—Men in all walks of life and of varying religious beliefs were represented to-night among prominent residents who tendered a dinner to Cardinal Farley as a token of the esteem in which the now member of the Sacred College is held by the non-Catholic population of the city. The dinner was the last in a series of tributes to the cardinal since his return from Rome in most of which those of his own faith have been the chief participants.

To-night's function was noteworthy for the inclusion in its program of the reading of a letter from President Taft voicing American appreciation of the appointment of three more American cardinals and paying tribute to the worth of the recipients of the honor, and for an address in honor of the guest of the evening by Gov. John A. Dix of New York.

"The non-denominational character of the dinner," said President Taft in his letter, addressed to Herman A. Metz, the toastmaster, "is an indication of the great progress which has taken place in American society in the direction of mutual tolerance, and of the closer brotherhood among those who support and maintain different religious faiths and organizations.

"In its sturdy opposition to anarchistic doctrine, and its powerful support of law and order and constituted authority all non-Catholics may properly express a high appreciation of the good influence of the Catholic church in our community. That the head of the church should honor its American branch by the appointment of three more American cardinals is naturally a source of pride to all Americans who are glad to note the advancement to such eminence of able, deserving and worthy countrymen of theirs."

The President concluded with a request for the presentation of his compliments and felicitations to Cardinal Farley "with whose friendship," he said, "I have been honored for a number of years."

An illuminated set of resolutions expressing the esteem in which the cardinal is held by the committee on arrangements for the banquet was presented by Dr. Edwin Zimmerman, the committee's secretary.

"It may not be granted to those not of your belief," said Dr. Zimmerman, "to measure fully, or penetrate sufficiently the religious convictions that so admirably unite a Catholic bishop and his flock, in their vision of the unseen world; but our American instinct, keen to see clearly and appreciate justly what this means to the nation, impels me to recognize the merit and to applaud the achievements of such churchmen as your eminence in spreading the kingdom of righteousness among us."

Cardinal Farley in his reply thanked the givers of the dinner for the "generous compliment" he considered it. "You do me honor, gentlemen," he said, "when you set such store by my representative American character in the highest councils of my church. But I can assure you that now and always since my elevation to the cardinalate and in future, I have felt and shall feel, in an especial manner, that I carry with me the honor of my beloved country in whatever place or post I may be called upon to act. For I love my country second only to my Creator and my duty to Him."

In closing, the cardinal said: "Let me express the thought which is suggested by the kind letter of his Excellency, the President. What a change has come in public feeling in 10 years, in my own memory. You will allow me to say that the present is an occasion for heartfelt thanksgiving to Almighty God, both for me and for you."

SENATE HAS STEEL BILL.

Progressive Republicans Will Vote a No Tariff Revision.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A fight over the question of instructing the Senate finance committee to report back the steel tariff revision bill within a fixed time will be made to-morrow before the measure is referred to the committee for its consideration. The regular republicans in the Senate are for granting hearings to those interested in the bill, while the progressive republicans favor a reasonable time for the committee to consider the bill. Senator Reed of Missouri to-morrow will ask the Senate to refer the bill to the finance committee with instructions to report within 20 days. He sought ineffectually to force this fight to-day.

Republican senators and representatives held individual conferences to-day over the situation in the Senate at which the prospective position of the progressive republicans was discussed. It was pointed out that with the Senate members now in the majority, the defection of only four progressives from the republican line-up would be all that would be necessary to pass the bill. A number of the progressives have indicated that they will stand just where they did in the tariff fight of the extra session.

Republican Leader Penrose will return to-morrow from Pennsylvania and will confer with his colleagues on the finance committee on which he is chairman, regarding the committee's procedure as to hearings on the bill.

Senator La Follette to-day reintroduced his anti-trust bill of last session, extending its provisions to prohibit the government from buying from trusts and forbidding patents on articles manufactured by trusts.

In the House the pension appropriation bill carrying \$152,000,000 was reported.

SEVEN MILES DOWN.

A traveling man who drove across the country to a little town in western Kansas the other day met a farmer hauling a wagon load of water.

"Where do you get water?" he asked. "On the road about seven miles," the farmer replied.

"And you haul water seven miles for your family and stock?"

"Yes."

"Why, in the name of sense, don't you dig a well?" asked the traveler.

"Because, it's just as far one way as the other, stranger."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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DEMOCRATS ADOPT ECONOMY PLANS

No Appropriations for Battle-ships or Public Buildings at This Session of Congress.

Washington, Jan. 28.—There will be no appropriations for battleships or public buildings at this session of Congress. This was the decision of the democrats of the House after a spirited caucus to-night. Elimination of a battleship appropriation was a surprise, the caucus having been called for the purpose of considering a \$18,000,000 public building bill, recommended by the committee on public buildings and grounds. Representative Burnett of Alabama, however, offered amendment to a resolution to disperse with the public buildings bill that no battleship appropriation be reported to the House.

Representative Hobson of Alabama headed a bitter attack on the amendment but it was passed, 38 to 68. The saving resulting from this action of the caucus is estimated by the democratic leaders to aggregate about \$40,000,000, \$10,000,000 to be required for two modern battleships and \$15,000,000 for public buildings. In the case of public buildings, however, there may be some appropriation for emergencies.

After the caucus it was declared that the cutting off of the battleship appropriation was forced by members who were plucked by their defeat on the building appropriation. Representative Hobson and others who championed a two-battleship program announced that a petition for a special caucus on the battleship appropriation would be circulated at once among the democratic members and that it would contain an appeal to rescind to-night's action.

The issue was precipitated by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, who introduced a resolution that the state of the government finances did not justify a public building bill. Mr. Fitzgerald said that it would be impossible for the government architects to begin work on any new plan for two years, and that it would take three years before any new construction work could be on the way.

The caucus was by no means harmonious, members from the country districts pleading the necessity of such a bill to safeguard the welfare of the party in the approaching campaign. Majority Leader Underwood controverted the argument of the public building champions and held that to saddle the treasury with a \$18,000,000 charge at this season would be too apparent an effort to court favor without sincerity. Speaker Clark was of the mind.

Perhaps there's a classified ad in to-day's paper that you ought to answer within an hour from NOW!

MADE ILL BY GAS.

Pearl Street Family Had Narrow Escape from Asphyxiation.

Mrs. George B. Catlin of 292 Pearl street is quite seriously ill at her home as the result of an experience she underwent Tuesday morning when she was nearly asphyxiated by illuminating gas. Mr. Catlin is suffering somewhat from the same experience and Miss Anna Flynn, who was at the Catlin residence, also had a narrow escape.

The Catlin residence is lighted by gas and the mantles are fitted with pilot lights. Early Tuesday morning the pressure in the gas meter became low. The meter is the type that is known as a "quarter meter."

During the interval between the low pressure and the time that steps were taken by the members of the household to secure a better gas pressure, it is evident that the lights in the pilots went out. When the pressure came on again these lights did not relight and the gas escaped through them. A large water heater was lighted and the family supposed that a peculiar odor which was noticeable was due to this.

Miss Flynn was the first to be affected by the escaping gas. She managed to reach the outside door and then fell upon the porch. Mr. Catlin in the meantime had noticed that she was ill and went to her assistance. Shortly afterward Mrs. Catlin fell from her chair to the floor. Mr. Catlin reached up to light one of the mantles when he at once mistook what the trouble was and threw open the doors and windows. Miss Flynn had recovered in the meantime and telephoned to Dr. W. G. E. Flanders, who was immediately to the Catlin home, where he found Mrs. Catlin in quite a serious condition. She was recovering nicely last evening, however.

INSURGENTS VOTE WITH DEMOCRATS

Metal Tariff Revision Bill Is Passed, 210 to 109, in the House.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The democratic metal tariff revision, to make reductions averaging 35 per cent. from the existing steel and iron duties of the Payne-Aldrich law, passed the House to-day by a vote of 210 to 109. Republican efforts to amend or debate the bill were brought to a sudden end and when Democratic Leader Underwood refused to permit the offering of further amendments, and forced the House to vote upon the final passage of the measure.

Twenty insurgent republicans voted for the measure, while the democratic delegation from Colorado, Representatives Martin, Rucker and Taylor, dissatisfied with the great reduction proposed in the lead tariff, voted against the democratic majority. The republicans who supported the bill, all insurgents, were: Representatives Davis and Lindbergh, Minnesota; Haugen, Hubbard and Woods, Iowa; Heiksen, North Dakota; Jackson, Murdoch and Young, Kansas; Kent and Stephens, California; Kinkaid, Norris and Sloan, Nebraska; Lafferty, Oregon; La Follette and Warburton, Washington; Lenroot, Morse and Nelson, Wisconsin.

Defeated repeatedly in their attempts to force amendments into the measure, the republicans rallied for the last attack upon motion of Representative Payne of New York, former republican chairman of the ways and means committee, to recommit the bill to that committee, with instruction to hold it until the tariff commission made its report upon its pending investigation of the metal tariff. This motion was defeated 206 to 198. The regular republicans protested to the last against the application of rules closing the debate.

The bill will face a stormy reception in the Senate. It will reach the Senate to-morrow and be referred to the finance committee. Both republican and democratic senators have been deferring other legislation with a view to concentrating attention on the tariff measures as they emerge from the House but no course of action has been mapped out.

The democrats expressed hope to-day that the progressive republicans would join with them in the same coalition that enabled the Senate to put through the tariff bills at the extra session and to leave the issue squarely up to the President. The progressive republicans have not held any conference as to their attitude. There are differing individual views among them as to the steel tariff that may interfere with a full alignment on this measure.

Senator Cummins has a bill which he is ready to propose as a substitute for the House measure, largely based on his opposition to the House bill's transformation of specific duties into ad valorem duties. Other progressive senators also have propositions to offer when steel revision is ready to be brought out in the Senate.

The regular members of the Senate finance committee already are figuring on hearing various persons interested in the steel industry who have applied to the committee. Senator Penrose will return Wednesday from Pittsburgh and he and his republican colleagues will immediately take up the matter of hearings.

SISTER CONFESSES MURDER

Dramatic Climax at Trial of McDermott for Muldoon's Death.

New York, Jan. 30.—With an 11th hour confession that it was she who stabbed Charles Muldoon, Mrs. Theresa Martin, aged 22 years, brought to a dramatic climax to-day the trial of her brother, James P. McDermott, who was accused of Muldoon's murder.

The victim of the stabbing, who was Mrs. Martin's former sweetheart, was killed in an East Side saloon on St. Patrick's day night, Jan. 10. McDermott fled to the West and after being captured in Denver it was alleged that he confessed to the murder. The State was pressing the case against him when the sister unexpectedly appeared yesterday and confessed to guilty knowledge.

The woman spent a hysterical hour on the stand this afternoon hesitating to tell more than that on the night of the murder she had a quarrel with Muldoon and that she went to her home for a brand knife. Finally she was asked point blank:

"Who drove the knife through Muldoon's heart?"

"I did," she replied.

The woman confessed as she left the stand. The lawyers went ahead with perfunctory summing up and the case will go to the jury to-morrow.

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